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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO PRESIDENT/CHANCELLOR NARCOTICS
DISCUSSION

1. EMBOFF MET WITH CHANCELLOR OFFICIAL HEDRICH TO
DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSION WITH
FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT CONCERNING U.S. - GERMAN
COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS. HEDRICH EXPLAINED THAT
BECAUSE OF OTHER ISSUES FLOWING FROM THE SUMMIT TALKS
AND VACATIONS, FRG OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
DISCUSS IN-DEPTH WHAT FOLLOW-UP STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.
HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH HEALTH
MINISTRY OFFICIALS, ASKING THEM TO IDENTIFY AREAS
SUSCEPTIBLE TO US/FRG COOPERATION. HEDRICH THOUGHT
ONE AREA MIGHT BE IN RESEARCH AND NOTED THAT THE FRG
HAD ALREADY MADE SOME PROGRESS IN MARIJUANA RESEARCH.

2. HEDRICH SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF INVOLVED
FEDERAL MINISTRIES AND LAENDER (STATES) MEET ABOUT
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EVERY 6 TO 8 WEEKS TO DISCUSS NARCOTIC MATTERS. HE
TERMED THESE MEETINGS HELPFUL IN COORDINATING ACTIONS
AND EXCHANGING INFORMATION BUT NOTED THAT RECENTLY
THERE HAD BEEN FEW NEW IDEAS PRESENTED. HE, THEREFORE,
WAS PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION THE
WHITE HOUSE HAD SENT DESCRIBING U.S. PROGRAMS, SINCE
HE USED THIS DATA TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION IN THE

MEETINGS.

3. HEDRICH DESCRIBED THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN WEST GERMANY AS GROWING BUT SAID HE IS DETERMINED NOT TO LET IT GET OUT OF HAND. HE NOTED THAT IT IS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO CONTAIN, BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THE NARCOTICS FLOWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO WAY TO STOP THE MAJORITY OF THE ILLICIT DRUGS FROM CROSSING OVER INTO THE FRG. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT THIS SITUATION REQUIRED THE COOPERATION AMONG VICTIM COUNTRIES TOWARD PRODUCERS SUCH AS AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN. HE SUGGESTED THAT EVENTUALLY THE VICTIM COUNTRIES MIGHT NEED TO CONSIDER A CONCERTED APPROACH TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SOLICIT ITS ASSISTANCE IN INTERDICTING ILLEGAL NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS FROM TURKEY TO WEST EUROPE. HEDRICH AGREED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, CONCERTED ACTION TO REDUCE DRUG SUPPLY CROPS WAS ADMIRABLE BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER, IN PRACTICE, IT COULD BE EFFECTIVE.

4. HEDRICH CONTINUES TO BE DISCOURAGED BY THE FRG DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO SPEND SO MUCH MONEY FOR SUCH LITTLE RETURN. EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD AND OFFERED TO SUPPLY HEDRICH WITH INFORMATION ON U.S. ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF REHABILITATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEDRICH READILY ACCEPTED THE OFFER BUT NOTED THAT THE GERMANS HAD ALSO TRIED OTHER APPROACHES WITH LITTLE SUCCESS.

5. COMMENT: HEDRICH APPEARS TRULY COMMITTED TO BATTLING NARCOTIC ABUSE IN THE FRG BUT IS AT A LOSS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED FURTHER. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S.G. GIVE THOUGHT TO IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC AREAS AND PROGRAMS WHEREBY WE COULD OFFER INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE TO THE FRG. THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT US/FRG PILOT PROGRAM FOR EXAMPLE, ON ONE SPECIFIC FIELD OF REHABILITATION COULD BE SUGGESTED TO THE GERMANS AS A SPECIFIC AREA IN WHICH WE COULD COOPERATE. WE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER ACTIVATING THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE UNDER THE NARCOTICS CONTROL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION. END COMMENT.

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